

a second cable connector positioned at the back plane for outputting twisted pair, voice signals from the circuit board;

a third cable connector positioned at the back plane for outputting twisted pair, data signals or mixed data/voice signals from the circuit board; and

one or more card edge connectors connected to the circuit board, the one or more card edge connectors including contacts electrically connected to the cable connectors by the circuit board.

38. (New) The telecommunications component of claim 37, wherein the contacts of the one or more card edge connectors include normally closed contacts electrically connected to the first and second cable connectors.

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39. (New) The telecommunications component of claim 37, wherein a plurality of the interface cards are mounted at the reference back plane of the chassis, the plurality of interface cards having circuit boards oriented generally perpendicular with respect to the reference back plane.

40. (New) The telecommunications component of claim 39, wherein the plurality of interface cards include 24 generally parallel interface cards.

41. (New) The telecommunications component of claim 37, further comprising a splitter card mounted in the chassis and electrically connected to the card edge connector of the interface card.

42. (New) The telecommunications component of claim 41, wherein the splitter card and the interface card are generally co-planar.

43. (New) The telecommunications connector of claim 39, further comprising a plurality of splitter cards mounted in the chassis and electrically connected to the card edge connectors of the interface cards.

44. (New) A telecommunications component comprising:

a chassis having a front and a back, the front being adapted for allowing splitter cards to be inserted into the chassis;

an interface card mounted adjacent the back of the chassis, the interface card including:

a circuit board having front and back ends and major side surfaces that extend between front and back ends, the circuit board being oriented such that the major side surfaces extend between the front and back of the chassis with the back end being of the circuit board being positioned adjacent the back of the chassis;

first, second and third cable connectors connected to the circuit board adjacent the back end of the circuit board; and

one or more card edge connectors connected to the circuit board adjacent the front end of the circuit board, the one or more card edge connectors including contacts electrically connected to the cable connectors by the circuit board.

45. (New) The telecommunications component of claim 44, wherein the contacts of the one or more card edge connectors include normally closed contacts.

46. (New) The telecommunications component of claim 44, wherein a plurality of the interface cards are mounted at the back of the chassis, the plurality of interface cards having circuit boards oriented generally parallel relative to one another.

47. (New) The telecommunications component of claim 46, wherein the plurality of interface cards include 24 generally parallel interface cards.

48. (New) The telecommunications component of claim 37, further comprising a splitter card mounted in the chassis and electrically connected to the card edge connector of the interface card.

49. (New) The telecommunications component of claim 48, wherein the splitter card and the interface card are generally co-planar.

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50. (New) The telecommunications connector of claim 46, further comprising a plurality of splitter cards mounted in the chassis and electrically connected to the card edge connectors of the interface cards.

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